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We send you and your wonderful family our very best wishes and greetings for the holiday season and a great new year.

Mr. Richard Cupp
Church of Christ
3950 Haney Road
Dayton, Ohio 45416

Your brother,

John Allen Chalk

Dear Dick:

JAC:lc
Your very kind and thoughtful letter of November 23 was a real encouragement. I was especially happy to get your tract, "Please Knock on my Door." This kind of pamphlet should do much to stir our people to greater interest in others. It was a skillful job of writing and of grasping the real principles involved.

Your report about the situation among the churches in Dayton was informative to say the least. I did regret to hear that Wes Caroliton is becoming an "anti" church. Concerning evangelistic co-operation, the antis have long called for an example of one church sending to another church that was not in need; their conclusion being that the Highland congregation was not in need and, therefore, no other group could support Herald of Truth. There is a New Testament example of a church not in need receiving not only from one but many churches. First, all recognize that a contribution to an individual or a church does not have to be a gift of money. The real contribution is the value of the funds or what the funds can provide. Money is always a means to an end. Second, with this in mind we read in II Corinthians 11:8 that Paul "robbed other churches" in order to preach to the Corinthians. (See verses 7-9.) Third, in the next chapters II Corinthians 12:13 Paul says that he wronged the Corinthian church by not receiving his support from her rather than the churches of Macedonia. Obviously, the wrong arose out of the fact that Corinth had the financial resources to pay Paul, but he had not allowed them to do so and rather took his support from other churches. True the funds were sent directly to the preacher, but in the final and real sense the value of the funds--Paul's labors--was sent to the Corinthian congregation.

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Your report about the situation among the churches in Dayton was informative to say the least. I am glad to hear that the Church of Christ is becoming more active. Concerning evangelistic co-operation, the saints have long called for an example of one church sending to another church that was not in need, their conclusion being that the Highland congregation was not in need and, therefore, no other group could support Herald of Truth. There is a New Testament example of a church not in need receiving not only from one but many churches. First, all recognize that a contribution to an individual or a church does not have to be a gift of money. The real contribution is the value of the funds or what the funds can do. Money is always a means to an end, and we must be in mind we read in 1 Corinthians 16:1-3 that Paul "instructed other churches" in order to pay for his journey. (See verses 7-9.) Third, in 2 Corinthians 11:1-12 Paul says that he "waged the Corinthian church by not receiving his support from her rather than the churches of Macedonia." Obviously, the wrong arose out of the fact that Corinth had the financial resources to pay Paul, but he had not allowed them to do so and rather took his support from other churches. When the funds were sent directly to the preacher, but in the true and real sense the value of the funds—Paul's support—was sent to the Corinthian congregation.